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8th June 2015

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Dear Sir/madam,

REFERENCE: **H14-0398-15**

DESCRIPTION: Notification of works to an oak tree on the frontage of Holly House, 23 Church Street, Pinchbeck. The tree is within Pinchbeck Conservation Area.
Works proposed:
Major works to reduce the spread of the tree yet retain the central more upright growing branches.
Cut back to a minimum of four main upright branches and allow to re-grow.
This to include the removal of branches growing over the road, those growing towards the adjacent dwellings also those obstructing a telegraph pole. Branches will also require some pruning to give clearance to wires.
Aim to achieve a tree with an upright branching structure.
(It is difficult to fully assess the structure of the tree from ground level due to the presence of ivy. If the central structure is found to be particularly weak with re-growth from previous cuts once works commence, it may be required to reduce the height of the crown. Under this letter the crown may be reduced in height by no more than three metres, to existing growth points).

LOCATION: Between 21 & 23 Church Street Pinchbeck Spalding Lincs

South Holland District Council has considered the proposal and has no objections, subject to any recommendation set out below;

1 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this letter of 'No Objection'.

2 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work'.

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Please Note

Notes:-

The necessary consent of all other interested parties should be obtained before the works proceed.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. In the event of query please contact Natural England at their Lincoln office on 03000 603900.

Bats are protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and in the event that bats are living in any cavities in the tree(s), or if they are discovered while the works are taking place, please inform Natural England at their Lincoln office on 03000 603900 before works proceed.

The ivy growing on the tree is of benefit for wildlife, no doubt for insects to live in and also for nesting birds. Yet,if retained the ivy may start to dominate the tree once it is pruned, and eventually cause the branches to carry more weight than they are designed to, which could cause them to fail. It is therefore recommended that the ivy is severed on the lower trunk and allowed to dieback, care being taken not to damage the bark of tree. This should be carried out after the bird nesting season, by the end of August most of the birds will have completed nesting. In the location this tree is in, it would also be helpful to be able to have a clear view of its structure, clearance of ivy would also enable this.

Yours faithfully,

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